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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Russian Bait

THE Big Three's reply to the Soviet note concerning the future of Germany follows expected lines. While reaffirming what the Western Powers consider basic principles, it also challenges the Russians to demonstrate their good faith and sincerity by firstly agreeing to free and democratic elections being held in all four occupation zones, and secondly, to allowing the United Nations Commission entry into the Eastern zone to study conditions there in order to be satisfied that it is possible to permit uncontrolled elections in the area. The Big Three have no illusions about the Soviet note. It largely represents bait for the benefit of Western Germans. And the bait takes the form of suggesting that the Russian plan guarantee West Germany armed neutrality which will enable the Germans to escape war. And the army which the Soviets promise is to be Germany's very own and not a segment of a heterogeneous military combine. The idea is certain to appeal to military elements and the Social Democrats in Western Germany, but the main body of opinion in the Federal Republic have as yet given no suggestion they are likely to be tricked by the offer.

WHAT the Big Three still require to know from the Russians is how they propose bringing into being the suggested all-German Government. At present there are two German Governments, one in the West Zone, whose members are responsible to a freely elected Parliament, and the other in the Russian Zone, whose members are Russian nominees. Principles so entirely opposite cannot be combined; one or the other must be chosen. If the Russians do not accept free elections, little more can be said or done about an all-German Government. But if they are willing to agree to this proposition, the next step must be for them to arrange for the United Nations Commission to be allowed to perform its task in Eastern Germany. And, judging from the reception which the Commission encountered in Berlin this week there will have to be a complete change in the Soviet attitude if this permission is to be forthcoming.

IT is not as if any drawing together could be expected from the mere fact of negotiation. Other history might warrant such hopes, but not the history of Soviet diplomacy. It is only necessary to recall the three months' story of what happened in Paris last year, or the eight months' story of what is still happening in the Korean truce talks to appreciate the point. Both these negotiations were invited by the Russians, and both, it is now clear, with the definite intention that the West should be long kept in play, but should obtain nothing. The line does not imply closing any door to peace. If Russia is prepared to abandon the forcible sovietisation of Eastern Germany talks can be started. If she is not, then all the Western Powers can do is to continue with NATO's scheme of defence until Russia thinks better of it.

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RACE 3

Desert Gold
Geronimo
High Straight
Outsider: Huntmaster.

RACE 4

Crackerjack
Panda
Fine-fo
Outsider: Gold Medal.

RACE 5

Caesar
Menowbrook
Fleeting Moment
Outsider: Young Conqueror.

RACE 6

Argus II
Hot Polloi
Tunny
Outsider: Glacial Lake.

RACE 7

Top Secret
Ataman
Jeep Lee
Outsider: John Halifax.

RACE 8

Gold Cup
New Zealand
Olympic Torch
Outsider: Comet.

RACE 9

Ag-King
Hurry On
Countess Delight
Outsider: Jorrock.

RACE 10

Golden Boy
National Income
Happy Day
Outsider: Stirling Castle.

RACE 11

Santa Claus
Valbridge
Giddup
Outsider: Hiram C.

RACE 12

Winged
Penforce
Chelsen
Outsider: Exquisite Love.

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Arabian Moon
Sulphur
Flight
Outsider: Speed Wheel.

RACE 2

Ben Lomond
Winner
Norse Viking
Outsider: Radio Star.

RACE 3

High Straight
Huntmaster
Popularly
Outsider: Geronimo.

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Outsider: Crackerjack.

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Outsider: Armament.

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Baby's Heart Stops



Thieves Steal \$600,000

Danvers, Mass., Mar. 25. Three men looted an armoured truck of \$600,000 today and within two hours two suspects were shot and captured 50 miles away in New Hampshire and a third was being hunted in Everett, Massachusetts.

The police said the three overlooked an additional \$100,000 in the truck, which had just delivered about \$1,000,000 to a bank and another customer.

One suspect was shot in the chest as he tried to escape from New Hampshire State Troopers, who forced the pair's speeding car off the highway with a road-block after hearing radio reports of the police chase. The other suspect was shot in the upper leg. —United Press.

S. AFRICA FACING GRAVE CRISIS, WARNING

Malan Accused By Opposition

Capetown, Mar. 25. Senator G. Heaton Nicholls, leader of the United Party opposition in South Africa's Senate, today accused the Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, of precipitating a crisis more serious than any the Union has known.

He moved a motion taking the "strongest possible exception" to the Government's declared intention to "overrule the unanimous judgment" of the Supreme Court which ruled invalid the Act placing coloured voters on a separate voters' roll.

The Opposition's motion called on the Government to resign unless it would give an undertaking that it would act in accordance with the Constitution.

Senator Nicholls, a former South African High Commissioner in London, declared that by his refusal to accept the appellate division's judgment the Prime Minister had precipitated a crisis the extent of which nobody could see.

Dr Malan had deluded himself into believing that the will of the Nationalist Party caucus represented the sovereignty of Parliament.

REVOLUTION THREAT

"He has created a crisis more serious than any with which South Africa has been confronted since union (1910), grave indeed, in many respects than the crisis which we had to face in 1939, since he now threatens us with revolution in our whole conception of the part which the judiciary plays in the maintenance of our fundamental rights and democratic freedoms."

The power of the Appellate Court was to be clipped and the will of the Nationalist Party caucus was now to become supreme power in the land, said Senator Nicholls.

"That is what the Prime Minister calls the sovereignty of Parliament."

A majority of one from German South-West Africa is to be considered quite sufficient to undo all the work of the fathers of the South African Constitution.

(South-West Africa, a former German territory put under South African mandate by the League of Nations in 1920, has been represented in the Union's House of Assembly since 1950).

Senator Nicholls said, "The people of South Africa are realising how near the rocks this Government is taking the country, and they will determine with no uncertain voice that this Government must be dismissed unless we are all to go down together."

Referring to Dr Malan's activities during the last war, Senator Nicholls said, "These are the very people who in the not too distant past were content to storm throughout the country, challenging the sovereignty of that Parliament which decided in 1939 to go to war with Germany."

"With what grace can they dare talk about the sovereignty (Contd. on back page, col. 2)

Tunnel Explosion Disaster

30 Workers Feared Killed, 40 Injured

Naples, Mar. 25. At least 30 workers are feared to have been killed and 40 others injured today in an explosion 2,400 feet underground in a tunnel being built near here for a hydroelectric project.

Both ends of the tunnel were blocked by the explosion which was believed to have been caused either by methane gas or explosives used in the tunneling excavations.

By late tonight 20 of the dead and 30 of the injured had been brought out of the tunnel after hours of feverish rescue work by scores of Police, firemen and volunteers.

Twenty men were still entombed.

Minutes after the blast shook every house in the nearby village of Mignano, where the workers lived, families began streaming towards the scene of the disaster.

Wives screamed the names of their husbands as the rubble blocked entrances to the tunnel.

One worker, Giuseppe Piranto, gasped "it's hell down there, absolute hell," as he was dragged out of the tunnel. "For God's sake help those men down there."

MEN BURIED

He said that parts of the partially completed tunnel collapsed after the explosion, burying many of the men.

All the lights went out and the survivors immediately groped towards the entrances in the dull light of storm lanterns.

Hours outside the tunnel were turned into emergency mortuaries and first aid stations.

The most seriously injured were taken to hospitals at Caserta, three and a half miles away.

At nightfall the rescuers worked in the glare of powerful searchlights.

The wives and families of those still buried squatted on the ground and waited.

In Rome Senators rose to their feet and listened in silence as Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, announced the disaster.

"I assure the Senate," the Premier said, "that the Government will do everything possible for the stricken families and to repair the damage caused by the disaster."

He said that it had not yet been established how the explosion had occurred. —Reuter.

HOTEL FIRE DRAMA

Six Killed: Others Leap To Safety

Los Angeles, Mar. 25. Screaming survivors leapt into nets to escape a fire which killed at least six people and burned scores of others in a six-floor hotel here today.

The night clerk of the 100-room St. George Hotel saved many lives, running through the corridors, knocking on doors and then hurrying back to the switchboard to rouse others by telephone.

There were 150 people in the hotel, which caters chiefly for male commercial travellers.

The police said that 10 people, including a child found lying at the head of the stairs on the first floor, were taken to hospital with burns and other injuries.

Terrified guests fled in their night clothes as flames spread. Firemen held nets below and caught those who jumped from the upper floors.

One of the two men in Room 312, where the fire is said to have started, fell or jumped to his death in an alley. The other, Emilio Moncego, was taken to hospital with critical burns.

Fire Department arson investigators said that they would not know how the fire started until they could question Mr Moncego.

The flames were brought under control an hour after they had started. The hotel is just off a main street near the chief public buildings, including the City Hall.

The hotel blaze was the third big fire here last night. A few hours earlier flames swept through a two-storey business building a few blocks away, destroying clothing and jewellery shops and a restaurant. Damage was estimated \$400,000.

A wing of the suburban Bel Air Country Club was burned out in another fire shortly after midnight. The Club's President, Mr Frank Winnie, estimated the damage, chiefly to the kitchen and banquet room at \$200,000. —Reuter.

WAREHOUSE BLAZE

Liverpool, Mar. 25. Seventy firemen from Bootle, Liverpool, Birkenhead and other parts of Lancashire were engaged today in fighting a big fire at a warehouse in Edmington Street, Bootle.

The fire, which was discovered on the first floor of the six-storey warehouse, spread to the second and third floors. Families from nearby houses were evacuated because of the possible danger of falling brickwork. —Reuter.

Gruenther Describes Russia's Great Military Strength

Washington, Mar. 25.

General Gruenther, General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, said today that Russia had modernised its armed forces and now had the finest army in the world.

Testifying in support of President Truman's \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid programme at an open hearing of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, General Gruenther said that Russia had roughly 175 divisions of which about 65 were armoured or mechanised.

"What the Soviet Union has been doing is to modernise its divisions and make them more efficient," he said.

"For the past two years they have concentrated on bringing their infantry divisions up in strength and training and given them greater mobility."

"They have changed their cavalry divisions to armoured divisions and they have now the finest and most effective army in the world today."

General Gruenther added, "I do not see that division for division they are better (than ours) but the 175 division force is a very potent force if the 12 men in the Kremlin should ever decide to use it."

"FINE PLANE"

General Gruenther said that Russia had about 20,000 operational aircraft and had made particularly good progress in the field of jets.

He said that the MIG-15 in use in Korea was "an extremely fine aeroplane."

He said that some regarded it as the finest in the world but whether this was true or not it was a very good plane and "there was a good many of them."

General Gruenther said that about 4,000 of the Russian planes were jet aircraft.

General Gruenther said that the Russians also had a long-range bomber which was a copy of the American B-29 bomber which America now regarded as obsolete.

concentrating on submarines and now had about 300 of them. He pointed out that the Germans had started the last war with less than 60.

General Gruenther said that European defence had reached a stage now where he did not think that the map in the Kremlin would make the decision to embark on aggression in Europe.

Problems facing General Eisenhower's headquarters included:

1.—The development of air power, considered to be the most effective means of deterring an attack.

2.—Creation of land reserves.

General Gruenther said that satisfactory progress was being made towards the establishment of a European defence force which would include German troops.

The spirit of co-operation had been "most gratifying."

General Gruenther said that "very great progress" had been made in the past year in bringing an effective defence force into being. Conscription periods in all the European NATO countries had been increased and defence budgets raised, in many cases to the point of strain.

NO QUESTION

"As to whether or not they (the European partners) will fight—there is no question in our minds," General Gruenther said.

He predicted that the Soviet Union would never attack Western Europe.

Asked whether he thought that the Soviets would attack, the General said, "I do not think an attempt is imminent. I do not think it is ever going to come."

"We in the free world have so much at stake that we will act sensibly and it is within our power to prevent the war from taking place. We are trying to reach a position where aggression would be so unprofitable that it would not happen. I do not subscribe to the idea that war is inevitable in any shape or form."

General Gruenther told the Committee he was "definitely convinced" that the Western defence plan would succeed, adding that its success was of vital importance to Europe and America.

Asked if he thought the Soviet Union would not attack in Europe until it was strong enough to launch a simultaneous attack on America, General Gruenther said that might be considered "the smart thing to do."

But, he added, the Japanese had made their big mistake when they attacked America and he said that it would be "very foolish" for Russia to make such a move.

ATTACK UNLIKELY

To further questions, General Gruenther agreed that it was "probable" that there would be no attack in Europe unless and until Russia had made greater advances in her own defences.

But, the General said, he wanted to avoid making any assumptions as to what was in the minds of the Soviet leaders.

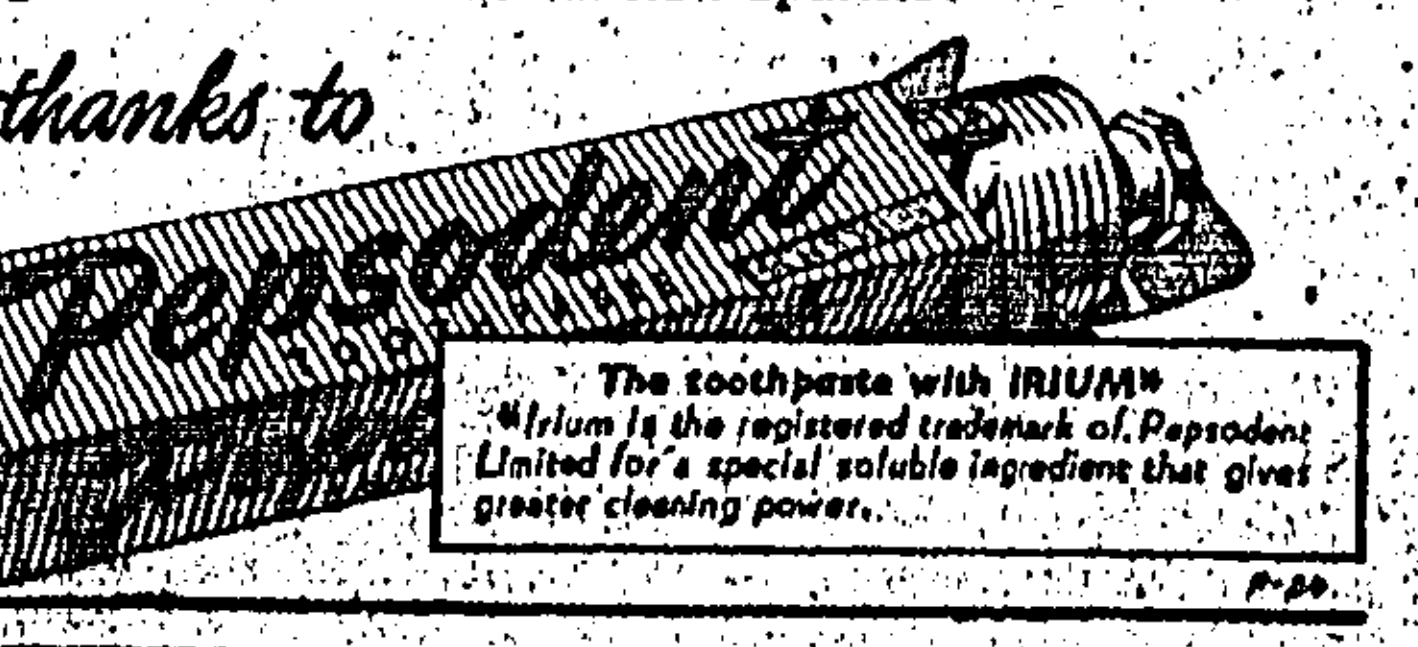
General Gruenther said that he had no "absolutely reliable" information on whether the Soviet satellites were ready and willing to fight for the Kremlin.

He said that the satellite armies had, however, been expanded in the last two years. He said that there was increasing indication of a "considerable area of disaffection" within the Soviet orbit.

"I hope we will be able to take advantage of that and keep alive the hopes of freedom for these people," he said. —Reuter.



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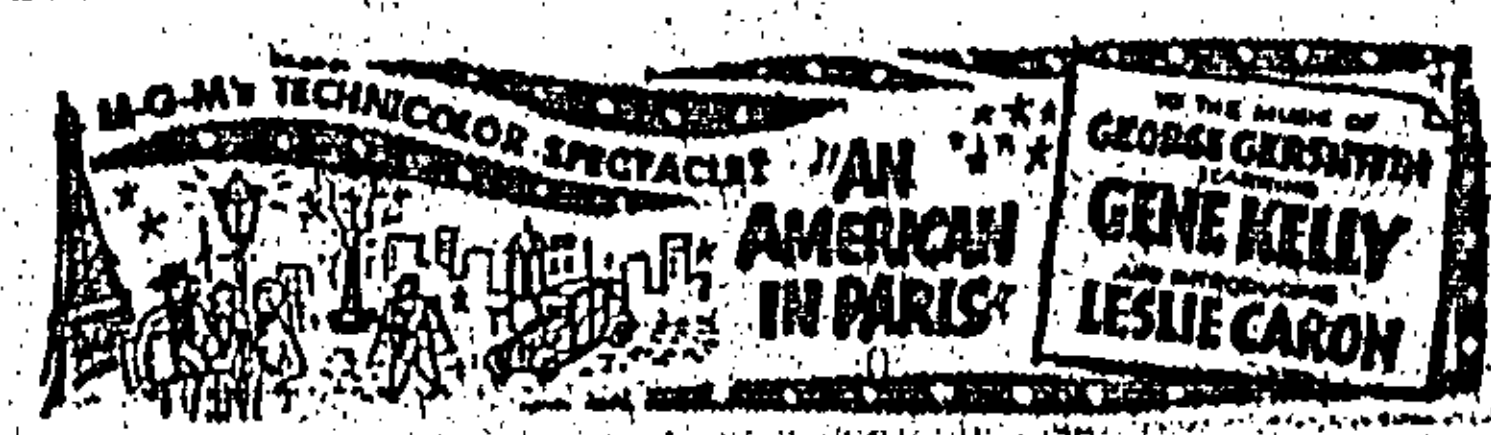
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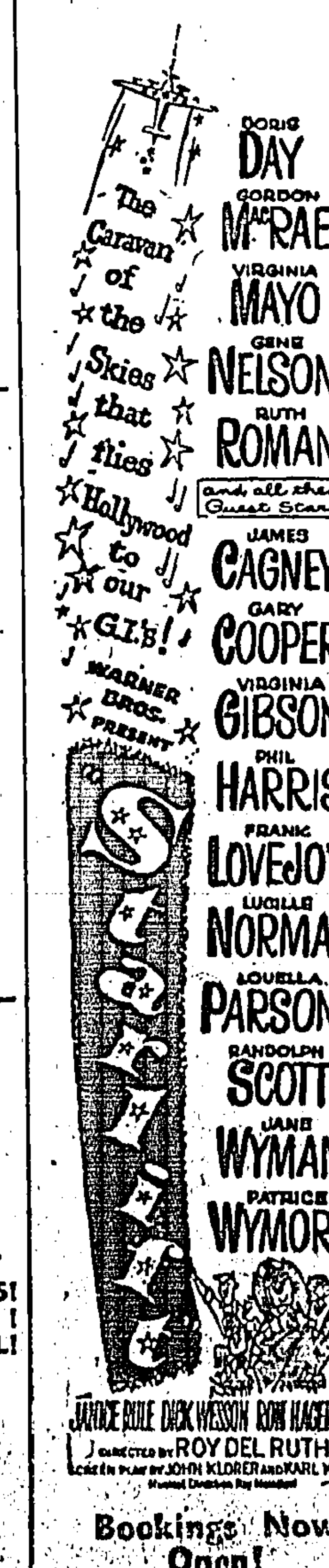


Dr. Malan, South African Premier (centre, with hat), together with Mrs. Malan, is shown round the replica of the Market Place at Culemborg, Holland, the town of van Riebeeck's birth, at the Turcentenary anniversary of Jan van Riebeeck's foundation of a "half-way house" at the Cape in 1652 for the Dutch East India Company. — Express Service.

Results Of Whale Hunt

London, Mar. 25. The production of whale oil by 10 Norwegian factory-ships amounted to 1,103,356 tons during the last whale hunt, it was announced today. This figure included 136,135 tons of spermaceti oil. The Norwegian product amounted to 45 per cent of the world production. The four British factory-ships produced 136,214 tons of oil, an increase of 10,000 tons over the production of the previous season. — France-Press.

COMMENCING TO-MORROW At The KING'S And MAJESTIC



Tunisian Leader Plays For Time Stalling On French Request

Paris, Mar. 25. The 70-year-old Bey of Tunis tonight played for time in the face of a French call for the dismissal of the Government of disturbed Tunisia, according to usually reliable quarters here. France accused the Government — headed by Mohamed Chenik and including members of the Nationalist Neo Destour Party — of having in fact, if not in intention, fomented unrest in Tunisia.

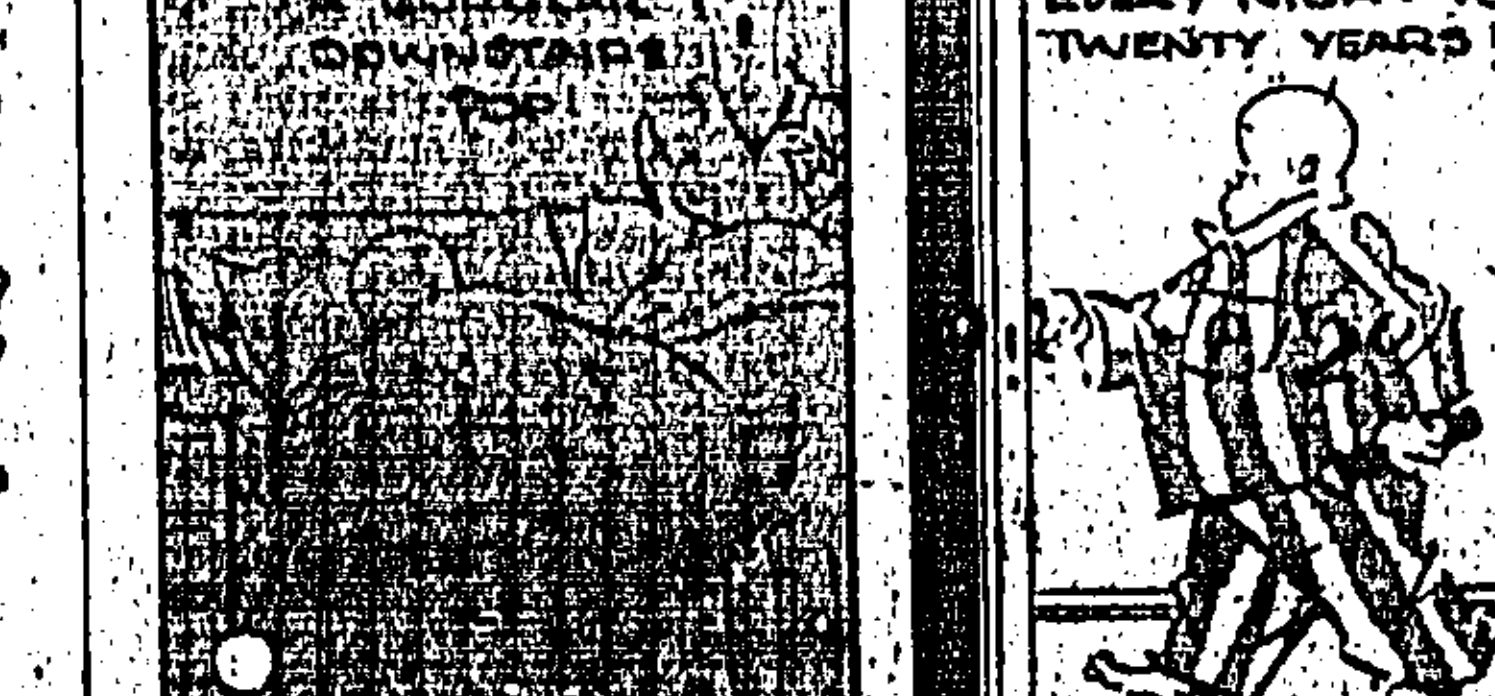
Mr. Jean de Hautecloque, French Resident-General in Tunisia, put the French Government's request to the Bey, Sidi Mohammed Alamini, at a dramatic half-hour interview at the Hamman Lef Palace near Tunis. The Bey conferred with the Cabinet for two hours and then sent a note to the French Resident-General. His contents were not disclosed. But usually reliable quarters said that he did not give a clear-cut reply to the demand for the dismissal of the 18-month-old Government. Tunisia has been sporadically troubled by disturbances since late broke out in January when the French seized certain Communist and nationalist leaders and banished them from the main cities. The French accused them of planning to go ahead with a banned rally. All the Ministers of the Chenik Cabinet, except two who are in Paris, were at the Palace interview today but only the Resident and the Bey spoke.

M. de Hautecloque told the Bey that France proposed a resumption of negotiations on the future of the protectorate. But the French Government was no longer disposed to negotiate with the present Tunisian Government which, he said, had met only twice in the last six months. The Bey, saying that he needed time to think over the French statement, told the Resident that he had summoned his Ministers here in the hope of hearing proposals for reforms. The two Tunisian Ministers now in Paris, Salah Ben Youssef, Minister of Justice, and Mohamed El-Mour, Minister of Social Affairs, came to present their complaint against the French Administration to the United Nations. Salah Ben Youssef protested to the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, today that the French authorities were using "intimidation and pressure" to force the Bey to dismiss the Government. If the Bey dismissed the present Government, his appointment of a new one will be subject to the French Resident's veto. — Reuter.

New Tyre Factory

Caracas, Mar. 25. Mr. Harvey Firestone, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., announced today that his company has completed plans to erect a \$4,500,000 tyre and tube factory in Valencia, Venezuela. — United Press.

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A New Hazard For Motorists

Spoke, Mar. 25. An additional road hazard for Malayan motorists has come to light. Seven soldiers were injured when their three-ton truck skidded and jammed a coconut tree by the roadside, causing a salvo of coconuts to rain down on their heads. The soldiers, four of whom are British, were sent to hospital. — Reuter.

Atom Ship's Engine Designed

London, Mar. 25. British atom experts have completed blueprints for the first atom-powered ship's engine and are awaiting the Government's go-ahead signal to build the first model. It is planned to produce, at first, an atom-powered engine suitable for fitting in submarines. The atom engine will be, in effect, a miniature atom pile such as is used in atomic energy stations. If the approval of the Government is obtained, the experts hope to have the first prototype engine ready by next summer. But it will be three or four years before atom engines will be used in sea-going vessels. The blueprints for the atom engine were worked out by an undisclosed industrial combine while the Admiralty was concerned with designing the envisaged atom-propelled ships. The plans foresee an engine with almost unlimited durability and of its fuel lasting up to 30 years. One of the problems on which work is still in progress is to reduce the weight of the protective shield surrounding the core of the atom pile. — United Press.

REMINGTON APPEAL REJECTED

Washington, Mar. 25. The Supreme Court cleared the way today for a re-trial of a former Commerce Department economist, Mr. William W. Remington, on charges of perjury stemming from alleged Communist connections. Removing a legal tangle, the High Court rejected an appeal in which Mr. Remington had asked for the outright acquittal of his year-old conviction. He had already won an order for another trial on the same indictment in an Appeals Court on August 22, 1951.

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled in the original indictment, the Justice Department can move to dismiss it and try Mr. Remington on later charges. Elizabeth Bentley, admitted ex-courier for a Soviet spy ring, first publicly named Mr. Remington as a Communist in testimony before a Senate Committee in 1948. He was convicted on February 7, 1951, on charges of lying to a Federal Grand Jury. Since then he has been indicted a second time on charges of lying five times at his first trial. The Government has been trying to abandon the first case and get started on the second. But Mr. Remington's appeals from his conviction have blocked further proceedings in the Federal District Court in New York. — United Press.

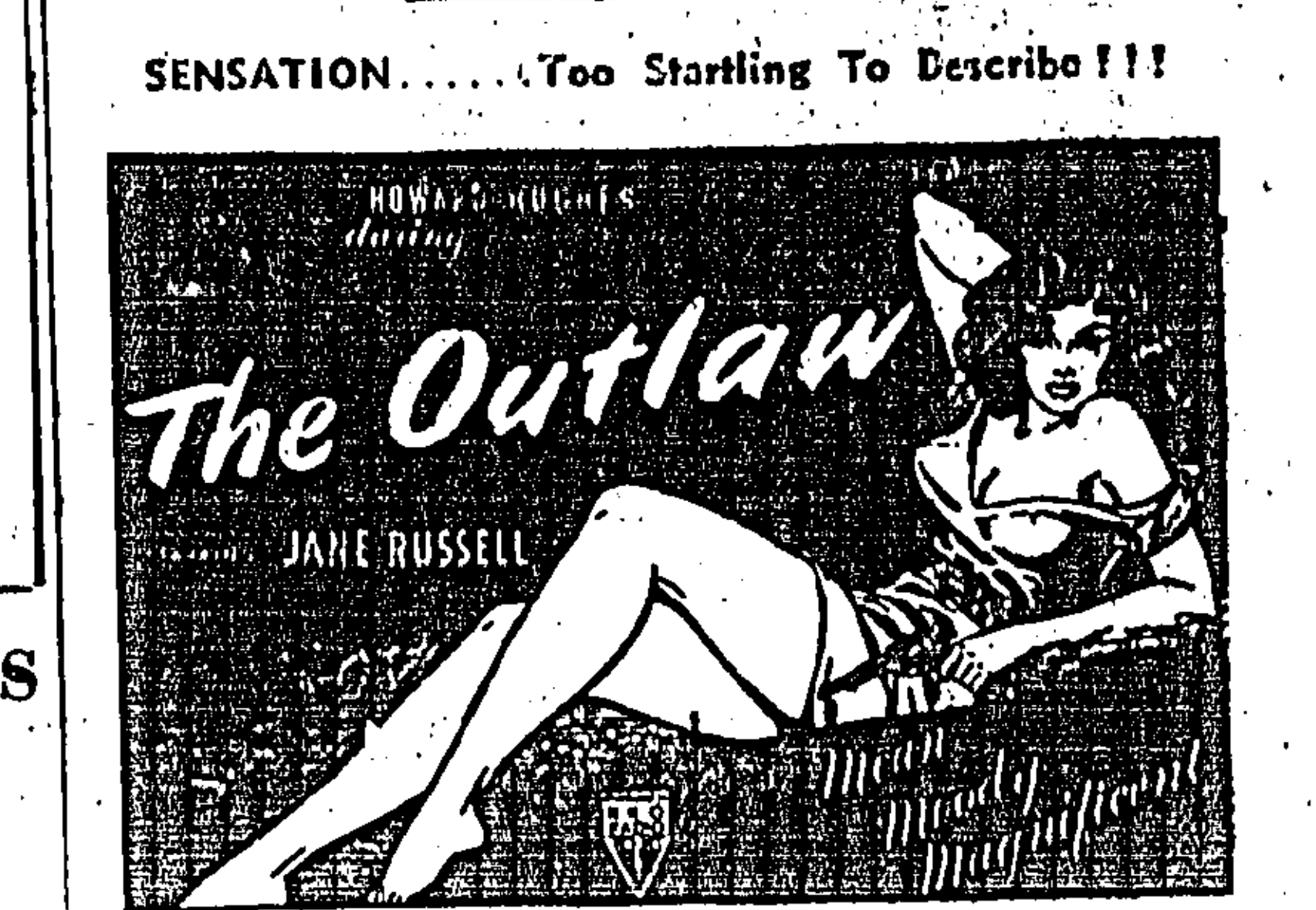
ELECTIONS IN ERITREA

Asmara, Mar. 25. Strong Police precautions were taken here today when Eritreans crowded the polls for their first general election. The voting, to choose a temporary Assembly for the approval of a draft constitution, implements a United Nations resolution under which Eritrea, a former Italian Colony, will become an autonomous State federated to Ethiopia. Large numbers of the 13,700-olatorate queued in orderly fashion from an early hour when polling started in the seven Asmara constituencies where 17 candidates are standing. The results are due on Thursday morning. — Reuter.

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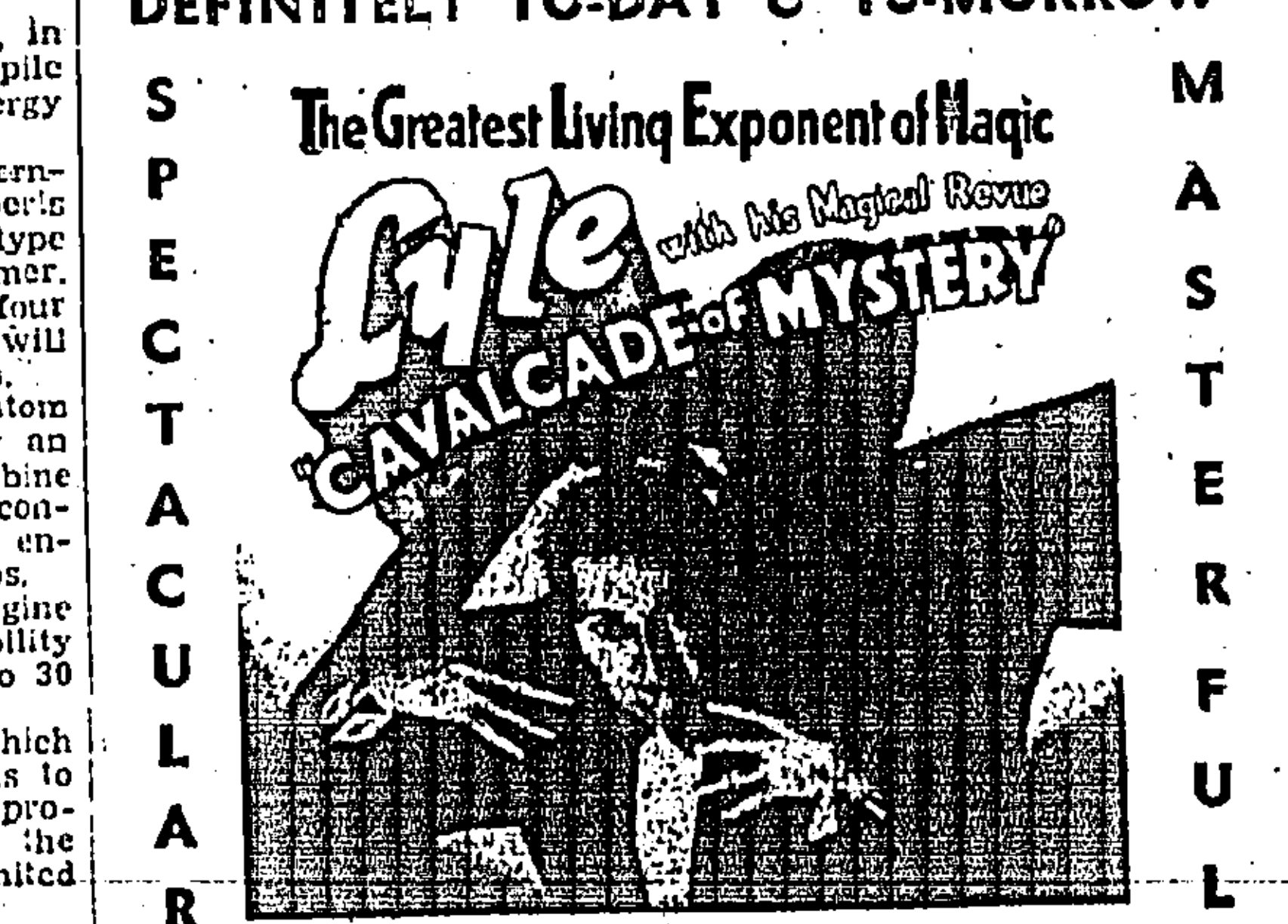


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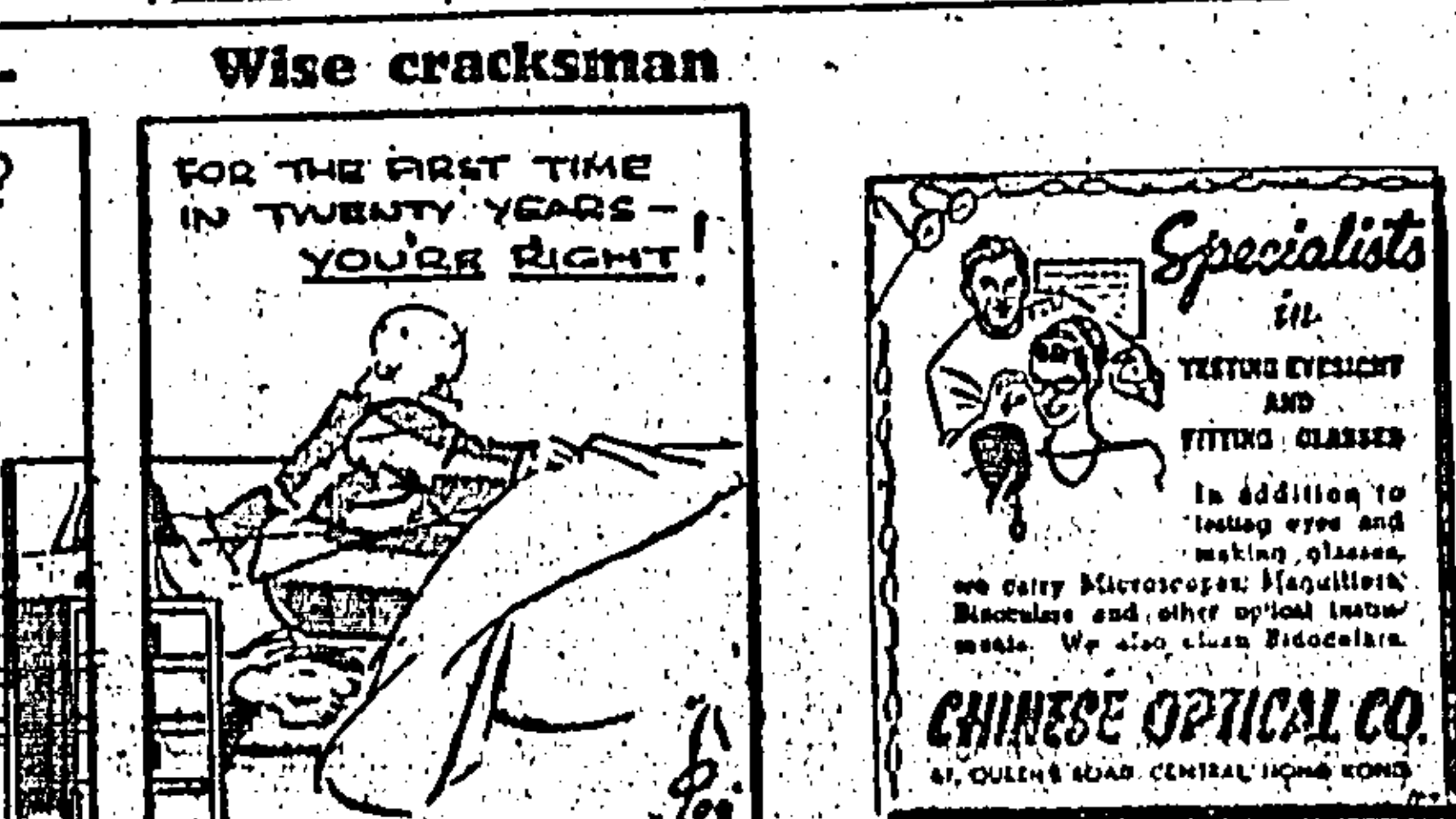
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Desperate Fight For Life

Frankfurt, Mar. 25. Doctors are today desperately fighting for the life of Dr. Paul Schumacher, of Germany, one of the three survivors of the Dutch plane which crashed here on Saturday and in which 44 people were killed.

The doctors have little hope that Dr. Schumacher, who has developed pneumonia in addition to the injuries he had sustained, will survive. He is still in a deep coma.

His wife and his sister, a nun who has been caring for him since he was brought to the hospital, are at his bedside.

The condition of the stewardess of the plane, the only surviving member of the 10 crew members, was today reported to be still critical.

The third survivor, Mrs. Ruth Horn, of Germany, was said to be improving steadily.

The bodies of the dead have been taken to Frankfurt's central mortuary where a memorial service will be held on Thursday afternoon.

The Dutch-American-German Commission investigating the cause of the crash still had no definite clue tonight, a member said.

KLM officials declined to give information about the nine kilograms of gold which have been missing since the crash.

There had been 500 kilograms of South African gold, destined for Paris, Zurich and Amsterdam, on board, but nine one-kilogramme bars were reported as not being accounted for by yesterday.—Reuter.

German Debt Conference Extended

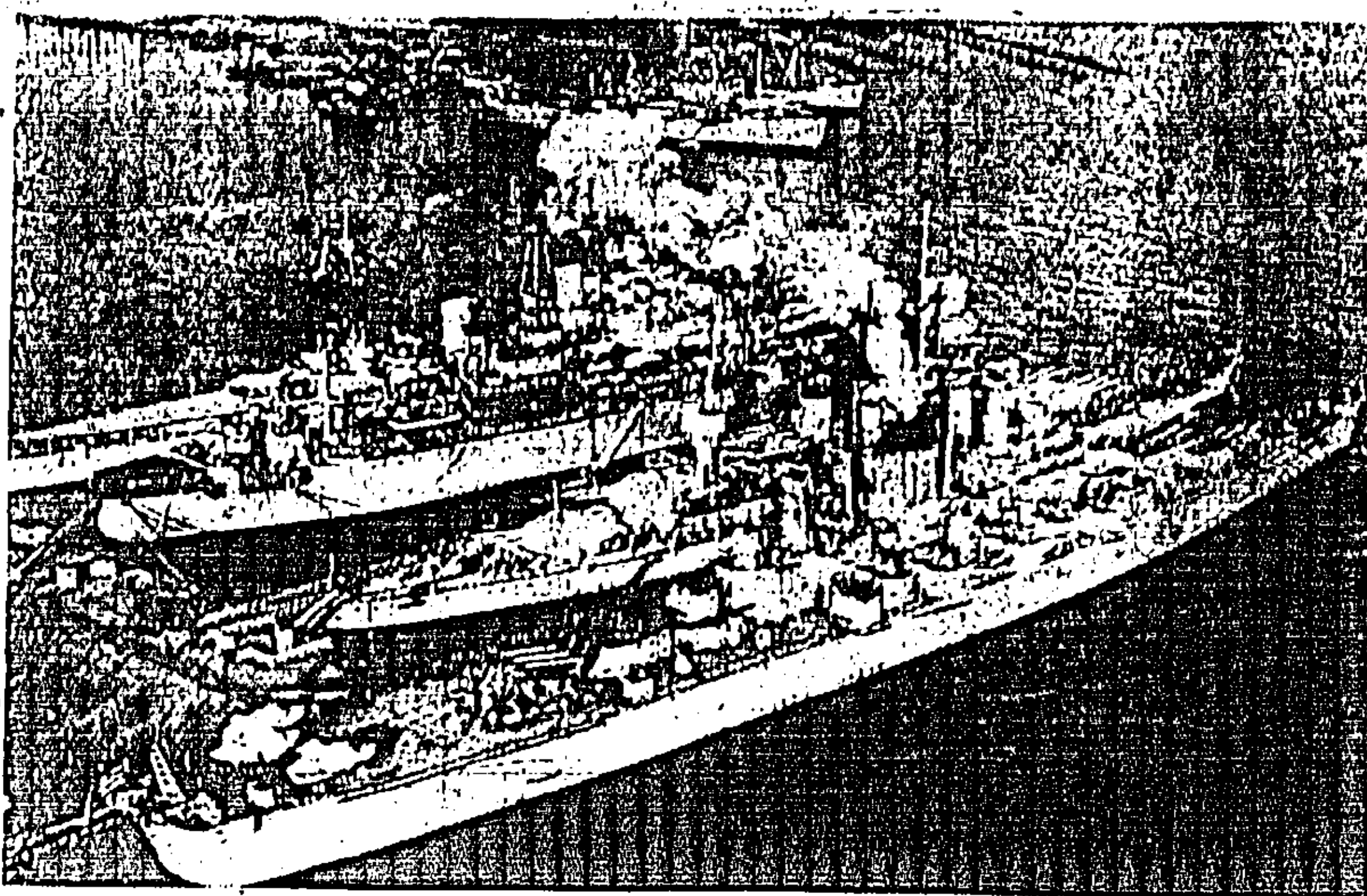
London, Mar. 25. The 28-nation conference for settling Germany's external debts, which was originally planned to end by the end of April, may now take several more weeks to complete its work.

No definite date for the conclusion of the talks has yet been fixed. This will depend on the Easter recess to be fixed shortly by the 21-member Steering Committee.

The recess may be a long one—about a fortnight or three weeks—to enable the 150 representatives at the talks to have detailed consultations on progress with their governments.

The creditors and debtors had private discussions today on questions relating to industrial bonded debts and commercial and miscellaneous debts.—Reuter.

Warships Of Three Nations



Warships of three of the four Allied Powers that recently participated in the Western Mediterranean naval training exercises seen moored side-by-side at a Naples pier. From front to rear they are the U.S.S. Newport News, the Italian Andrea Doria, the U.S.S. Adirondack and H.M.S. Liverpool.—Express Service.

GRUENTHER ON WAR IN INDO-CHINA

Washington, Mar. 25. The NATO Chief of Staff, General Alfred Gruenther, stated today that the Indo-China war was one of the problems which confronted SIAPE and which bore on the implementation of the NATO programme.

He made this statement in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee while stressing the need for the total amount of the Mutual Security Aid programme requested by the Government.

General Gruenther told the Committee that the prospects of the Indo-China war were not very good. The war had cost 30,000 fatal casualties to France and she had some 140,000 troops stationed there, including 40,000 officers and non-commissioned officers. These were excellent elements whose absence was keenly felt in the Western re-armament effort. The upkeep of these French forces in a distant theatre of operations was a heavy burden upon the French economy.

The French effort in Indo-China, he said, was the best reply to those who are asking whether the French are willing to fight.—France-Press.

"RANSOMS" PAID FOR RELEASE OF AMERICANS

Washington, Mar. 25.

The Treasury said today that it had agreed to let 11 business firms and two missionary organisations pay about \$800,000 in "ransom" to Red China in return for the freedom of a dozen Americans held there.

The assistant general counsel, Elting Arnold, said that only four of the 12 Americans have been released. The release of others was expected, he added.

Mr. Arnold said the ransom represented legitimate debts of various church and business interests in China, but the Treasury holds licence power over all commercial or financial deals involving United States firms with Communist China.

The Secretary of Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, said the Treasury decided to approve the licence system of payment when it appeared that a refusal might endanger the lives of the Americans.

He wrote his views to Senator William Knowland who asked earlier for information on the payments.

The reply, entered by Senator Knowland in the Congressional Record, said that 20 or more American organisations and US citizens or other non-Chinese employees in Communist China, when this Government stopped trade with the Red regime in December, 1950.

URGENT REQUESTS

The Treasury declined to identify either the individuals, 10 businessmen and two missionaries, or the organisations involved. Mr. Arnold said that all are "reputable."

Their home offices, he said, made urgent requests for Treasury authority to pay money in return for quick freedom of the individuals.

The Department approved the principle of paying legitimate Chinese debts as a means of getting Americans out of Communist hands.

Since the licences were issued, the Treasury added another requirement—that American hostages be released to non-Communist areas such as Hong Kong before the Chinese get the money.

No licences have been granted since this proviso was added.—United Press.

Progress In Discussions On Trieste

London, Mar. 25.

A Foreign Office statement said tonight that some progress was made at a meeting today between the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Italian Ambassador, Signor Manlio Brosio, on the Trieste situation.

The Italian Ambassador paid his second call on Mr. Eden in two days to discuss the anti-British demonstrations in the port.

Tonight's statement said that there would be further discussions, though no date had been fixed for them.

Diplomatic quarters here thought that Signor Brosio had made certain proposals to Mr. Eden designed to improve the situation in the Anglo-American Zone of Trieste, and that the proposals were now being examined in both London and Washington.—Reuter.

Deserter Sergeant To Marry

London, Mar. 25.

A British staff-sergeant and his Italian fiancée for whom he deserted the Army for five years and holding hands in a room in the married quarters of Woolwich Barracks talking over their future.

A few hours earlier as a Chelsea court-martial Staff-Sergeant Henry Reginald Hall, 37, of the R.A.O.C., pleaded guilty to deserting in Battaglia, Italy, in January 1947 until he gave himself up to the British Consul in January this year.

He was sentenced, subject to confirmation to be reduced to the rank of corporal.

Small, dapper Staff-Sergeant Hall, who volunteered in 1940 and served throughout the war with excellent character told the court he fell in love with Signorina Adele Delaurens. He wanted to marry her and work in Italy.

He applied to be demobilised in Italy, but there was a delay in his application going through. Three days before he was due for demobilisation he was posted to another unit. He did not go.

He got a job in a boot factory. After a year he had enough money to buy a small boot business of his own, but even then he could not get married. No priest would marry them because he had no civil status.

He gave himself up, then brought his fiancée to Britain and surrendered to the civilian police.

Sergeant Hall said: "The first thing we are going to do is to get married. At last we can publish the banns."

But their happiness depends on what the G.O.C. London District Brigadier, W. M. Sale, thinks of the case. Under Army Law Staff-Sergeant Hall should serve the years he was a deserter over again in the Army.

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Commonwealth Comes First, UK Delegate Reiterates In Paris

Paris, Mar. 25.

Britain today told 16 countries debating a "green pool" plan for uniting Europe's farmers that she could not become a full member of a purely European agricultural authority.

"We cannot enter into new relationships with Europe which are incompatible with our Commonwealth relations," said Mr. Anthony Nutting, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The "green pool" conference, aimed at uniting Europe's farmers in a single organisation and a customs-free market, was opened here today by the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in the presence of Cabinet Ministers from 16 European countries.

M. Schuman stressed that after the coal and steel pool and the European defence community, the "green pool" represented another stone in the edifice of a united Europe.

The conference unanimously elected as its chairman M. Pierre Filmin, who as Agriculture Minister two years ago was the French author and promoter of the green pool idea.

Today's proceedings were mainly concerned with fixing an agenda for the next three days' meetings.

The conference is purely exploratory. The exchange of views is to determine what practical measures of farming rationalisation and freeing of markets can be undertaken right away and what must be left for later phases.

When this has been decided a conference of experts will be called to work out details.

FRENCH SUGGESTION

This conference had before it a French memorandum outlining possible lines of approach. It suggests that the first stage should be confined to a common organisation for certain farm products starting by those which would provoke least difficulties.

This organisation, which would have a supra-national character, would at first concentrate on preserving stocks, fixing conditions of imports from countries outside the green pool specialisation of production by member countries and common financing of imports.

At a later stage the plan envisages abolishing all customs tariffs and import restrictions on Europe's farm produce and creating a free market.

The original French plan worked out by M. Filmin two

years ago proposed an immediate common customs-free market for wheat, sugar, dairy produce and wine but differences of opinion within the French farming community itself induced the French promoters of the scheme to limit their original objectives.

The absence of prior commitments enabled the British Government to be represented at today's conference, Mr. Nutting told a reporter today.

"Britain is taking part in this conference," he said, "because we want to do all we can to help the European union and because we are intensely interested as a consumer nation in all efforts that may result in cheaper food."

GENUINE DESIRE

Mr. Nutting later told the conference: "It is no secret that Britain has in the past been accused of dragging her feet in regard to European unity and I hope that my presence, particularly after the proposals which Mr. Eden put forward at the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, will be taken in the spirit in which it is offered—namely, a genuine and whole-hearted desire to associate the British Government closely with all practical steps towards a closer European unity."

"I am sure it will be generally appreciated that we cannot enter into new relationships with Europe which are incompatible with our Commonwealth relations. British agriculture also has a special place in our economy. For these and other reasons we cannot become full members of a purely European agricultural authority, the aim of which is to establish a single European market."

"If it proves impossible for the United Kingdom to participate fully and actively in the making of the European agricultural authority we shall wish to find effective ways of associating ourselves as closely as possible with any new institutions which may emerge in a political way to forge another link in the chain of European unity."

"I hope to be able to indicate the extent and nature of the United Kingdom's relationship with our work has developed further."—Reuter.

Police Uncover Drug Ring

Rome, Mar. 25.

The International Criminal Police said today that it had uncovered a gigantic drug smuggling ring headed by Sicilians who formerly lived in the United States.

The police added that because the ring's operations are still in progress, no additional details could be given. The ring worked between Rome and Sicily.—Associated Press.

SONGGRAM ENDORSED

Bangkok, Mar. 25.

King Phumiphon Aduldet last night called on Premier Pibul Songgram to head a new Government under the changed constitution which went into effect on March 8.

The National Assembly earlier had unanimously endorsed the Premier. He is expected to call upon most of the present Cabinet to continue serving. Observers said, however, that he would be under pressure from the military to appoint more leaders of the so-called coup d'etat party as Ministers.

The new constitution is an amended version of one originally adopted in 1932, when a bloodless revolution ended Thailand's absolute monarchy. It is considerably less liberal than the constitution thrown out after the coup d'etat of last Nov. 20.

At yesterday's Assembly meeting four names, including those of two Thai strong men, General Phin Chuanavan and Police Lieutenant-General Phao Sriyanond, were proposed for the Premiership but all asked that their names be withdrawn.—Associated Press.

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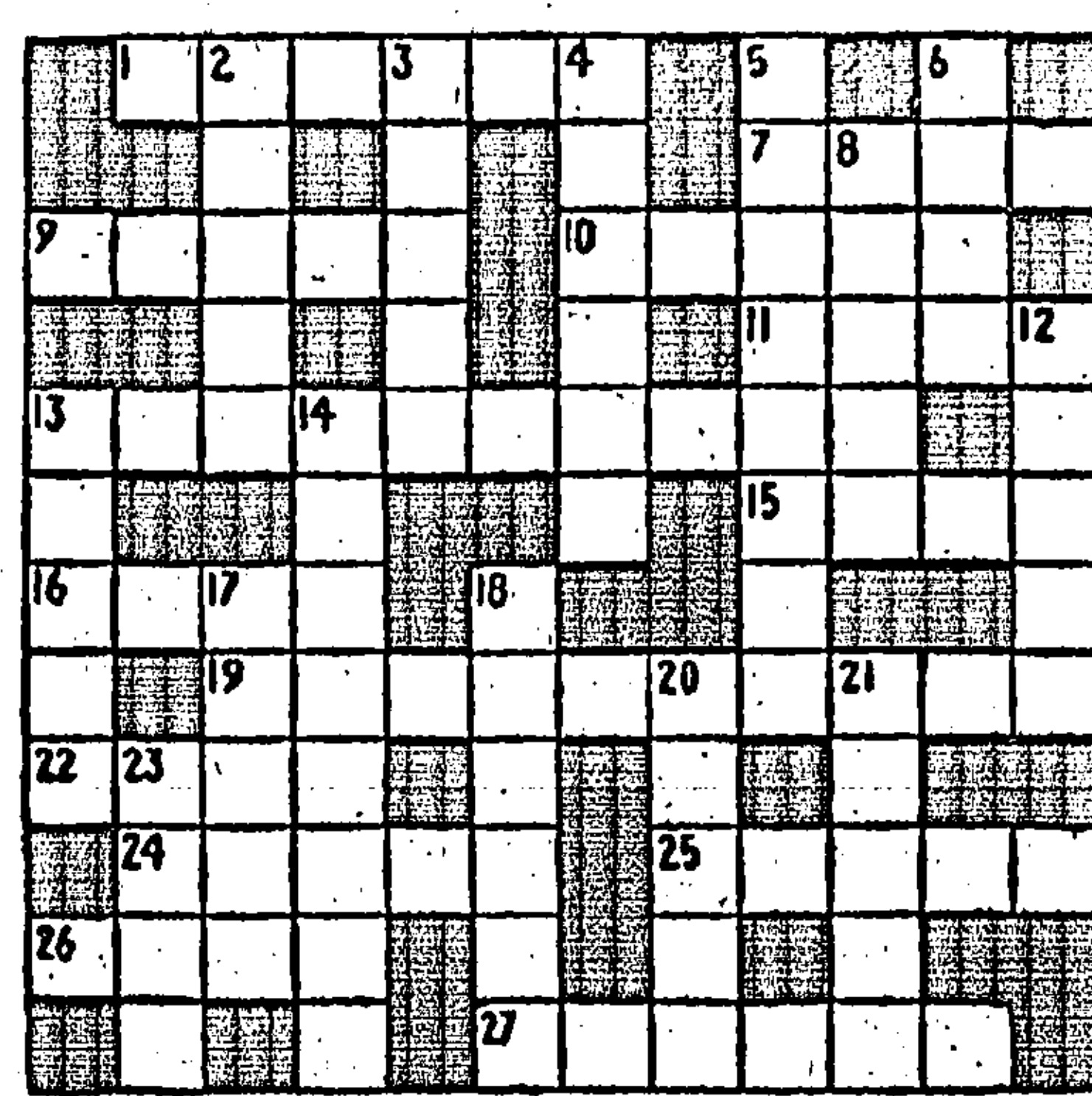
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 - 4 Ditch surrounding castle (4).
 - 5 Liking to (10).
 - 6 Drop from the eye (4).
 - 7 Ripped (4).
 - 8 Personally concerned (10).
 - 9 Eggs (4).
 - 10 Coppers (5).
 - 11 Once more (5).
 - 12 Repose (4).
 - 13 International agreement (10).
- DOWN
- 1 Scare (5).
 - 2 Panacea (5).
 - 3 Keep in custody (6).
 - 4 Advances (8).
 - 5 Passport endorsement (4).
 - 6 Solitary (5).
 - 7 Weary (5).
 - 8 Quoted (5).
 - 9 Flags (8).
 - 10 Ceremonies (5).
 - 11 Respectable (6).
 - 12 Manage to dodge (5).
 - 13 Personal characteristic (5).
 - 14 Summit (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Hockey, 4 Croak, 7 Remove, 8 Scare, 10 Soup, 12 Counter, 15 Treat, 18 Tort, 17 Epee, 19 Towel, 20 Dossier, 21 Dear, 23 Stain, 24 Sahara, 25 Greed, 26 Recess. Down: 1 Harassed, 2 Computer, 3 Envy, 5 Recanted, 6 Career, 9 Rotor, 11 Prestige, 12 Cater, 15 Tolerate, 14 Retreats, 18 Foster, 22 Fate.

Income Tax Experts For Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 25.

Income tax experts from the Board of Inland Revenue in the United Kingdom are to help combat income tax evasion in Malaya.

The High Commissioner, General Sir Gerald Temple, announcing their coming arrival to the Federal Legislative Council, also proposed the appointment of a panel of unofficial advisers to instruct the Malayan revenue authorities on the assessment of various trades and businesses.

A large section of the Asian business community is believed to be evading income tax.

At present only one in 500 in the Federation of Malaya and one in 100 in Singapore pay income tax, according to official statistics.—Associated Press.

Tokyo Explains Scheme For Security Force

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

No reserve duties have been considered either for the existing National Police Reserve or the security force into which the NPR will be developed, the State Minister, Takeo Onishi, declared today in reply to a question by a Leftist Socialist before the Sub-Committee of the Upper House Budget Committee.

Onishi also explained that under the proposed security force scheme, a State Minister will be appointed Director-General of the prospective Security Board.

An Inspector-General's office will be instituted for overall control of both the land and sea security forces, he predicted.

The Inspector-General will be responsible for enforcement of various general policy decisions, he explained.

Under the new scheme an outsider will become the Inspector-General with a few assistants who will also be outsiders.

The Inspector-General's Office will have a general staff, he said. The chief of this general staff will be the senior man in the proposed land and sea security forces, he continued.

This chief of staff will represent the Inspector-General or the Director-General, and, by order of the Prime Minister, will convey the Government's orders to the forces, he said.

Below the chief of staff the present ranking NPR will be retained, he concluded.—Associated Press.

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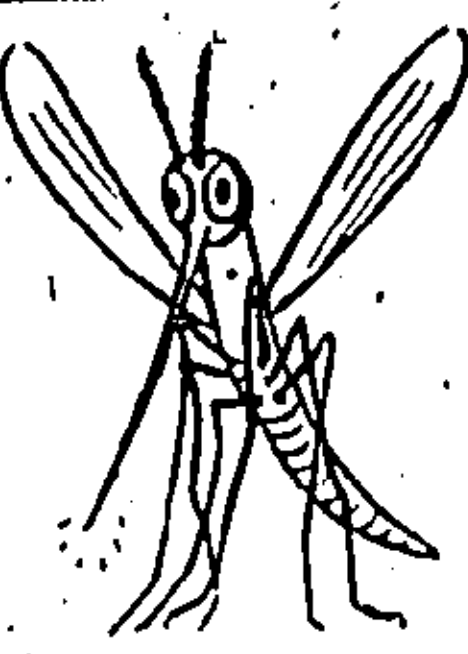
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NO CHANCE OF A RUSSIAN REVOLT

By RICHARD C. HOTTELET

DURING my extraordinary interview with Maxim Litvinov, he dismissed my hope that the world outlook might perhaps not be as bad as he had painted it. His views were positive and emphatic.

In Litvinov's opinion, Stalin's death would not alter the course of Soviet policy. Nor did he seriously consider the possibility that pressure inside Russia could change the government or its objectives by revolution.

There is perhaps no more sensitive subject in Russia than the person of Stalin. His name is seldom mentioned without an attitude that approaches awe. Put bluntly, Stalin is the closest thing to God recognized by the Soviet state.

The propaganda machine does not acknowledge that Stalin will one day die. When my conversation with Litvinov on that hot June day in 1948 turned to the prospects after Stalin's death and the chances of revolution I began to sweat in earnest.

The August name of Stalin was never mentioned by either of us. Nor did Litvinov use the words "revolution" and "Russia" in the same sentence. But I was well aware that if the room were wired for sound, only a low grade moron would fail to get the point in the first ten seconds.

The matter of succession came up in this way. Litvinov had described the outlook as bad, had expressed the opinion that differences between East and West seemed to have gone too far to be reconciled. He had established the root cause as Moscow's belief in inevitable conflict between the Communist and capitalist worlds. He had deplored the Kremlin's "conservatism" and its adherence to the idea of security in terms of square miles.

I suggested that if Moscow could not be persuaded or mollified, perhaps it could be out-witted. I put the question to Litvinov in these words:

"What are the chances of post-war conflict between East and West long enough to allow new and younger men, who are not labouring under the obsolete geographical concept of security, to grow up and take over?"

He dismissed the question with a wave of his hand. "What difference does it make?" he asked, as though to say, "For Heaven's sake, use your head."

"What difference does it make if the young men are educated intensively in the precise spirit of the old?"

This is the third chapter in a series describing the astonishing interview given to an American newsman by a top ranking Russian diplomat. The diplomat was Maxim Litvinov, former Soviet Foreign Minister. The newsman was Richard C. Hottelet, foreign correspondent for the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The year was 1946. Litvinov, then Deputy Minister, was being shelled by Stalin. To have published the interview then would have made it Litvinov's death warrant. Since Moscow announced Litvinov's death last January 2, Mr. Hottelet feels free to write the interview and tell the story behind it.

In 1792 the French people could storm arsenals, grab muskets and make revolution. But today the people would need artillery, tanks, radio stations, printing presses—all of which are held tightly in the hands of any totalitarian state. That is why it would be terribly difficult, for instance, to dislodge... Franco."

He paused a bit longer than usual between the last two words, but neither his face nor his voice changed expression.

EXAGGERATED

To illustrate his point further Litvinov continued: "Even during the war, in my opinion, the activities of the various underground movements—in France and elsewhere—have been greatly exaggerated. The only place where the Germans were caused any serious inconvenience was in Yugoslavia."

I should have asked him about the partisans in Russia, but I remember not wanting to do any prodding which might bring him up short in this dangerous discussion. Litvinov went back to public opinion.

"I often wonder," he declared, "when I read reports of British and American correspondents who say, 'The Russian people think so and so', what people? Whom do they see? No one."

"On the other hand," he mused, "by following what the propaganda machine puts into men's minds one can judge what any thinking is likely to arrive at."

I thought I might point out that popular revolution against a determined dictatorship is indeed difficult, but what about a coup d'etat inside the ruling clique?

"No," Litvinov replied, "even for a palace revolution one would need the support of the army and the police."

I began to discuss Germany. Litvinov declared, "Of all the single problems in the world today Germany is the greatest problem."

What would happen there, I probed.

ON GERMANY

LITVINOV answered readily. This was in June 1946, when the Western military governors in Germany were still plugging away at Four Power co-operation and unification under the Potsdam agreement. Litvinov had manifestly long since kissed off the "agreement" reached at Potsdam.

"Germany will obviously be broken into two parts," he said drily. "I couldn't see other solution being found. I asked, since both sides professed a desire to unify Germany?"

Sitting on the Fence.... by

Nathaniel Gubbins

IT is reported that, at Seacox Heath, Flimwell, Kent, country club of the Soviet diplomats, they entertain each other at week-ends with the balalaika and charades.

Here is a charade they might do in the manner of the 19th century Russian dramatists.

CAST: Natasha and Olga (two sisters), Ivan, Uncle Vanya and a Village Idiot.
SCENE: A Russian country house in mid-winter. Natasha hates Olga because Olga loves Ivan. Olga hates

Natasha because Natasha loves Ivan. Ivan hates both of them. Uncle Vanya hates them all. The Village Idiot hates everybody, everywhere.

NATASHA: The snow is still falling.

OLGA: I hate the snow. It is always falling.

NATASHA: Not in the summer time.

OLGA: Do you want to drive me mad with your imbecile remarks?

NATASHA: Yes.

(Enter Ivan.)

IVAN: The snow is still falling.

OLGA: How I love the snow. NATASHA: It is so beautiful.

OLGA: The snow is always falling.

IVAN: Not in the summer time.

OLGA: Oh, how true. How simple, but how true.

NATASHA: Only the greatest minds can say wonderful things like that.

OLGA: Ivan, you should have been a writer. I always said so.

NATASHA: I said it first. (Enter Uncle Vanya.)

UNCLE VANYA: The snow is still falling.

IVAN: The snow is always falling.

UNCLE VANYA: Not in the summer time.

OLGA: What a stupid remark.

NATASHA: Uncle Vanya is so tedious.

(Enter a Village Idiot.)

VILLAGE IDIOT: The snow is still falling.

THE OTHERS (shouting): The snow is always falling.

VILLAGE IDIOT (shouting back): Not in the summer time.

OLGA and NATASHA (together): I can't bear this any more.

UNCLE VANYA: It is intolerable.

IVAN: Let's shoot somebody.

OLGA: Shoot me before I go mad.

NATASHA: Me first.

IVAN: Let me do it. I hate them both.

UNCLE VANYA: No. Let me. I hate you all. Then I can shoot you, too.

VILLAGE IDIOT: Let me do it. I hate everybody.

(He shoots the lot.)

VILLAGE IDIOT: They are all dead and I am alive. Yet they called me an idiot.

Age of innocence

Mrs. John E. Hayes, President of the Farmers' Congress in Los Angeles, said that children cannot learn because their minds are stifled by crime, Hollywood glitter, and moral confusion.

LITTLE children at the films, How you are confused; Scarcely have you left your cot

Than you hear the cowboy's shot, See a momma getting hot— Little minds bemused.

Little girl at local school, Playing with your doll, Who's surprised if you are dumb Working out a simple sum, Wondering if your darling Mum Is a gangster's moll?

Little boy in father's chair, With absorbing thriller, Tale of murder, cash and dope, Hero who eludes the rope, Perhaps it is your secret hope That father is a killer?

Little girl and little boy, It must be so confusing, That parents, with a fearful look, Warn you not to be a crook; But if you meet one in a book Find it most amusing.

Boy chases girl

"Can a man be sincere who swears he has fallen in love at first glimpse of me and pursues me madly before he knows anything about me?" A girl asks a newspaper.

WHAT a tiresome, ungrateful girl you must be, dear. Instead of wasting the time of busy editors asking them silly questions, you ought to consider yourself lucky that anybody is chasing you madly in these unromantic days.

For where are the men who pursue women madly now? Where are the young Lochnivars who would snatch a girl from her father's house in the middle of her bridal feast to save her from marriage to "a laggard in love and a dastard in war?"

You will not find them on the stage or screen except in a costume piece, or, occasionally, in some dirty little melodrama in which romance plays no part. If you found them in real life they would probably end up in the police court.

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Moreover, I think you might have given less fortunate girls some details of the chase. For instance, is it marbling and primping? Does he pounce on you in the street, grab you by the hair and drag you, howling, into the nearest milk bar? Or is it a happy-go-lucky pursuit like Harpo Marx chasing a blonde through a set in Hollywood?

All the same, you may have mistaken his motive.

A plain girl I knew was once chased by a determined young man for weeks on end. When he called, she locked herself in her room. Her father slammed the front door in his face. If she met him in the street, she jumped into a taxi.

When he cornered her, at last, it turned out that she had borrowed his cigarette lighter at their first meeting.

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'SCOTCH' SIGNS COME DOWN IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne. THEY took the sign "SCOTCH WHISKY—ALL BRANDS—21 12s. 3d. PER BOTTLE, AVAILABLE HERE" from the back of the bar of Melbourne's Royal Automobile Club and said: "Sorry, sir, but that was last week."

At the little ice cream-delicatessen, a tobacconist around the corner you asked for your usual three packets of English cigarettes. They gave you the look reserved for black market hoarders—and one reluctant packet of 20.

You went into the world's second largest department store (which unaccountably exists in Melbourne) and asked for an English lounge suit. The place looked like the pitch for a desperation fire sale—you had so much competition.

And that's how it is in Australia today—with goods marked "Made in Britain" moving fast into the hands of buyers or sliding softly under that same old counter.

Like a child echoing the sounds of its parents, Australia—almost for the first time—mouths a famous postwar Anglo-Saxon word—scarcity. It used the word roughly for the same reasons as its mother country: its overseas trade balances were shot to pieces.

But Australia differed from Britain in one major respect. Unlike Britain, she fed herself—she had merely overspent her pocket money.

The story of Australia's decline, but by no means fall, has, as usual, a sharp background in the wool story.

In 1948-49 that spectacular commodity netted Australia a cheque for £231 million. In 1950-51 the wool cheque was £230 million, but this year's wool sold to an estimated cheque of about £200 million.

Meanwhile, with a currency admittedly inflated but free to spend, Australians of all classes have come in for a gigantic buying spree.

Last year Australia turned in a trading balance of £24 million. This year, on Prime Minister Menzies's figures, the Commonwealth was heading for a £740 million loss.

What are the prospects for Australia in her newly recognised financial plight? Immediately—due to the 60 per cent import cut by Menzies's Government—they are these:

Her major task will be to increase wheat production—an old Australian vital export recently gone into disrepair.

Her second task is to live on imports that she now holds in hand. The building trade already foresees big cuts in hospital and factory construction because of their dependence on imported cement and timber.

fencing wire and wire netting will slow down food production.

Meatless and butterless days for Australians are being suggested by some branches of the Chambers of Commerce.

Blackest of all prophecies comes from an Australian economist who forecasts that by the end of next year the Commonwealth will have to import bread unless wheat production goes up.

(Australia's best crop: 220 million bushels of wheat 1948-49; best exports, same year, 131 million bushels.)

Even the sausage men have stepped in, bemoaning the fact that German and garlic sausages will go straight off the market.

But the true picture of Australia's now austere life is that it is relatively unreal, laughable and fantastic—a faint shadow of the word as it is used and known in Britain. As the finance editor of one leading Australian paper put it to me: "It is like going from a standard of living that is very soft to a standard of living that is fairly soft."

Backing this view are the facts that up and down the immense Australian coastline, warehouses, bondhouses and wharves are stacked with the goods Australia has been over-buying from abroad. Sydney men have telephoned in despair: "Can you get us 'bond' space for 3000 cubic feet? Otherwise we shall have to return our stocks to England."

There are, by admission of the buyers themselves, millions and millions of cigarettes—

"enough to last four whole months, without importing a single cigarette at Australia's present smoking rate." Timber enough for a whole year, of private house building at present construction rates.

say timber men (this estimate excludes hospital and factory building). Clothing stocks so great that the recent textile recession and unemployment in Australian-made garments will be made good.

It is true that many Australian businessmen believe that the new import controls will mean a black market, racketeering, selling of gradually diminishing goods under the counter. Most people hope and expect the controls will not last long.

But generally, Australian secondary industry has taken a new lease of life and shares (with the notable exception of some British car firms) took a jump upwards after falling for months.

I am in the habit of for-gathering nightly with six or seven businessmen, at one of Melbourne's bars in the post-war least drink period of 5 to 6 p.m. Most of the men are chief accountants, chief salesmen, managers or directors of secondary industries—tyres, shoes, plastics, biscuits.

As the most recent arrival from England I am regarded as an expert on British public opinion. I arrived promptly for our rendezvous the other night. And not one of that little group did not come up to me and ask me anxiously and commiseratingly how Britain was going to ride this latest obstacle that had, so regretably, been put in her postwar way.

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Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investor have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House on the written or personal introduction of a Member, each member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

WILL THE HOME FOOTBALL FAN GET BETTER VALUE FOR RAISED PRICES?

Asks TOM FINNEY

By next season it looks as if the spectator will be paying more for his football. The popular idea is that the 1s. 6d. ticket is going to cost 1s. 9d. That certainly seems more likely than a jump of sixpence to 2s. 0d.

If I know anything about football spectators — and I've heard the voices of a few millions in the last six years — many of them are going to say "Let's have better value for the 1s. 9d. than we got for the 1s. 6d." It is a plea which has some justice in it. No footballer would pretend that the game hasn't plenty of scope for refinements — refinements that can easily be obtained.

Who among you likes to see a player arguing with a referee over some decision? And who likes to see a player sulkily kick the ball yards away, when a free-kick has been awarded against him?

Inter-League Match Today At Dublin

By Peter Ditton

With two exceptions, the Football League team to play the Irish League in Dublin today may be the same as that for the International against Scotland at Hampden on April 5.

This Hampden game is of great importance to England as they need to beat Scotland to share the International Championship with Wales. I expect to see from the team doing duty today in Dublin are both at full-back. Ramsey of Tottenham is certain, if fit, to be selected as right-back and will be partnered by either Ekersley of Blackburn or Lionel Smith of Arsenal.

The remainder of the team, Merrett, Wright, Frogg, Dickinson, Finney, Broadis, Loftus, Pearson, and Rowley have only to avoid any ghastly mistakes to keep their place in the Hampden line-up.

AN EXPERIMENT The interesting part about today's side is the experiment of playing Rowley and his club colleague Pearson on the left wing. Rowley has appeared at outside-left frequently for Manchester United this season to permit Aston to lead the attack. But his previous cap for England was gained as a centre-forward against Italy at White Hart Lane two years ago.

The man in most danger of losing his place in the forward line would appear to be Nat Lofthouse, the Bolton centre-forward. His close rival is Jackie Milburn whose spectacular Cup goals are keeping him in the limelight. But Lofthouse has not yet had a poor game for England and has an immense advantage over Milburn in the air.

Against a not over-strong Irish defence Lofthouse should be sufficient to justify his retention against the Scots.

(London Express Service)

Jim Peters And Tom Richards To Run In 15-Mile

London, Mar. 25.

J. H. Peters, one of Britain's leading marathon runners, who is likely to be one of the favourites for the Olympic title, is competing in the open 15-mile race of Parliament Hill, London, next Saturday.

Among his rivals is Tom Richards, who was second in the 1948 Olympic Marathon. Several international long-distance runners will also be participating. There are altogether 150 competitors in the race, which also embraces a team contest.

—(London Express Service)

NOTICE**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**

The light signals hitherto used to signify that an objection has been lodged and the result thereof have been amended as follows:—

Objection RED Square with white border.
Objection Sustained BLUE Square with white border.
Objection Overruled YELLOW Square with white border.

These signals will be exhibited on the Totalisator Tower in the positions previously occupied by the signal lights and the Spheres will be dispensed with.

The objection signal only (Red square with white border) will flash for a short period before it becomes static.

The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a White light and will be exhibited below the objection signals.

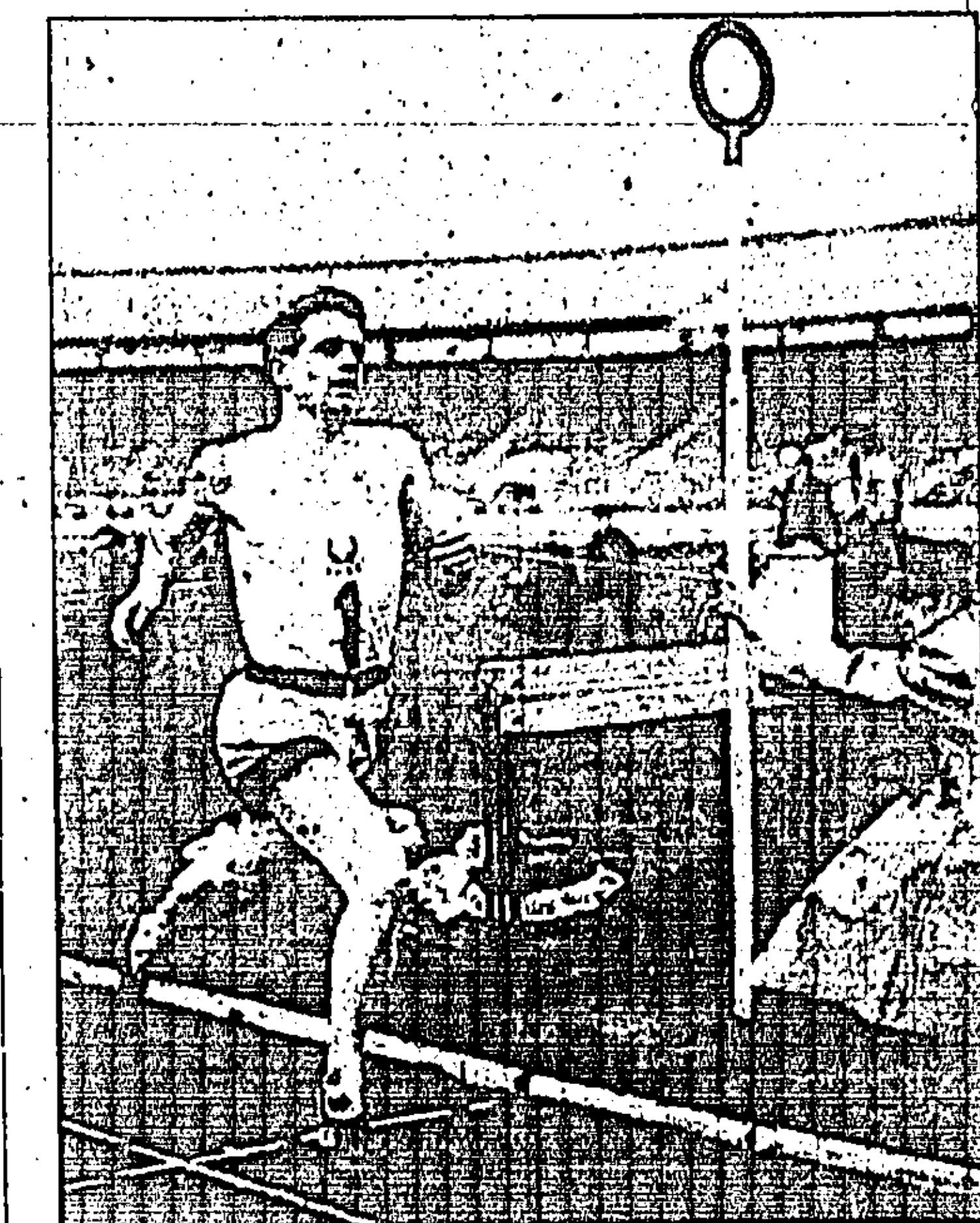
H. MISA,
Secretary.

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND AT WEMBLEY

N. H. Whyte, Scotland's goalkeeper, saves from an England attack at Wembley in the Women's Hockey International match, watched by a record crowd of 42,000. England won 9-2.

Chataway May Embarrass Britain's Olympic Selection Committee

Right in the Sydney Wooderson tradition. That was the verdict on Christopher Chataway's performance at the White City Stadium on Saturday, March 15. Running for Oxford University against Cambridge this 21-year-old undergraduate clocked 4 min. 10.2 secs, beating the previous inter-varsity record, set up by Roger Bannister, two years ago, by 4.6 seconds. This is the fifth fastest time ever for the mile in British athletics.

ONE MORE OF THE FASTEST

Christopher Chataway winning the One Mile for Oxford against Cambridge at the White City in the very fast time of 4 minutes 10.2 seconds, beating Roger Bannister's record by 4.6 seconds.

And for good measure, Chataway dead-heated for first place in the three miles with fellow Dark Blue, John Scott-Wilson. The time they returned was 14 min. 33.8 sec.

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

The achievement of winning the One and Three Miles, is remarkable, and Chris is the first University runner to achieve it since 1890.

Chataway first took up running whilst at Sherbourne School. Then, on going to Oxford, eighteen months ago it was discovered that he had an abnormally low pulse rate: 45 beats per minute, instead of the usual 72.

This is a tremendous advantage to a runner, for it means that he spends his energy more slowly than his opponents, and consequently has a greater reserve power.

Apart from this, Chataway does not possess the other physical attributes associated with a top class athlete. He has neither long legs nor a broad chest. His rise to the top in mile rankings may embarrass the British Olympic Selection Committee. There is almost an abundance of talent for this distance at the moment. Besides Chataway, Bannister, Nankville, Parlett and Eyre are all capable of returning 4 min. 10 sec. or less.

ONE WAY OUT

It will be interesting to see how the matter is decided. One way would be for Chris to compete in the 5,000 Metres at Helsinki, and not the 1,500.

This might be advantageous not only from the British Olympic viewpoint but for Chataway himself.

Great prospect though he is for the mile, he is potentially an even better three-miler. In the longer distance his stamina can be used to more advantage.

In last year's AAA Championships, he ran a great race over this distance, and only lost by inches to Beckett. Both men were credited with a time of 14 min. 2.3 sec.

Chris was by far the fresher at the finish. Had he employed different tactics, and set a faster pace, he would surely have won.

After a few more outings over the distance he will gain the necessary experience to enable him to make the best use of his powers.

However, whichever distance he is selected for, Chataway will provide a strong challenge to the world's best. —(London Express Service)

Pompee Wins On Third Round Knockout

London, Mar. 25.

Yolande Pompee, the coloured Trinidad light, heavyweight boxer who jumped into prominence when he decisively defeated Dave Sands, the Australian holder of the British Empire Middleweight title early in the season, scored a third round knockout victory over Erik Jensen, of Denmark, at the Empress Hall, London, tonight.

The Dane was dropped for a count of six with a right hook to the jaw in the second round and a left hook on the forehead put him down again for nine at the opening of the third round but he fought back with great courage and actually knocked Pompee with a right hook to the jaw, but he was on the receiving end afterwards.

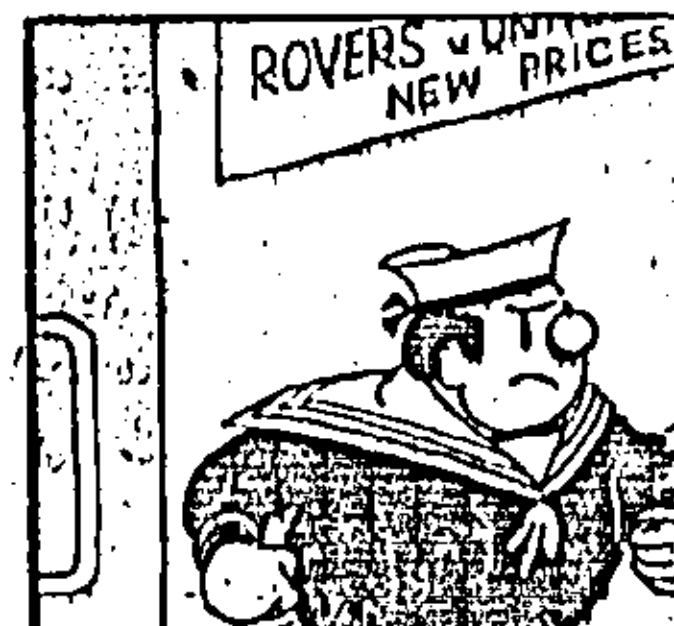
A left and right to the jaw toppled him over after two and a half minutes had gone in the third round. Pompee is improving with every fight and Jensen, for all his experience and undoubted skill, did not have a chance. —(London Express Service)

THROWN OPEN

London, Mar. 25.

The fight between Tommy Barnham and Frank Johnson, has been thrown open by the British Board of Boxing Control for purse offers as contracts had not been lodged.

The fight is the final eliminator for the Lightweight Championship of Britain and must take place by May 2, a date which is a condition of any purse offer submitted by promoters. —(London Express Service)



St. Mary's Wins Hospitals' Cup

London, Mar. 25.

St. Mary's Hospital beat St. Thomas' Hospital by 14 points to 0 in the Hospitals' Cup rugby final today.

OTHER MATCHES

Bridgwater and Alkion 0.

Exeter 3, Newport 14.

—(London Express Service)

FRENCH BREAK MEDLEY RELAY SWIM RECORD

Troyes, Mar. 25.

The French swimmers, Gilbert Bozon (back-stroke), Maurice Lucien (breast-stroke) and Alex Jany (freestyle) tonight broke the world relay record for the 300 Metres Medley Relay in 8 min. 0.6 sec.

Jany, together with Valéry (back-stroke) and Nakache (breast-stroke) held the previous record of 8 min. 12.3 sec set up in Marseilles in September, 1949.

The individual times were as follows:—

Bozon (back-stroke) 1 min. 3.6 sec, equalling the world record set up by Allan Stack of the United States in 1949; Lucien (breast-stroke) 1 min. 7.8 sec; Jany (freestyle) 59.2 sec.

—(London Express Service)

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 2nd Apr.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 6th Apr.
"YCHOW"	Singapore	5 p.m. 7th Apr.
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"HANYANG"	Tientsin	4 p.m. 20th Mar.
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"FOOCHOW"	Indonesia & Singapore	20th Mar.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 31st Mar.
"HUNAN"	Hokkaido	2nd Apr.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	4th Apr.
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ARRIVALS FROM

"CHANGSHA"	Yokohama	6 p.m. 20th Mar.
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"CHANGTE"	Australia & Manila	20th Apr.

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"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	20th Apr.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Arrives
"ASTYANAX"	Liverpool
"AENEAS"	Rotterdam
"ASCANIUS"	Hong Kong
"PERSEUS"	24th Apr.
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"CALCHAS"	24th Apr.
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"BENWYVIS"	U.K. via Singapore	17th May
"BENWYVIS"	U.K. via Singapore	25th May

SAILINGS

SHIPS	TO	DATE
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	5th Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Hamburg.	13th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp.	22nd Apr.
"BENDORAN"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	28th Apr.
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"BENDORAN"	London, Rotterdam & Hull.	21st May
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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-Third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, First Floor, Hongkong, on Wednesday, 26th March, 1952, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 12th March, 1952, until Wednesday, 26th March, 1952, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & COMPANY LIMITED,
R. V. LEDERHOFER

Director
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1952.

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HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Monday, 31st March, 1952, at 4 p.m.

AGENDA

To receive the Report of the Committee and the Accounts of the Chamber for the year ended 31st December, 1951.

To elect a Committee.
To elect Auditors.
To confirm election of new members.
Any other business.

J. B. KITE,
Secretary.

NOTICE

U.S.R.C.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse, King's Park, at 7.00 p.m. to-night, 26th March, 1952. All members are cordially invited to attend.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
STATES STEAMSHIP COMPANY
as "ARIZONA"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors. Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 26th March, 1952. To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godown and all goods remaining undelivered after the 26th March, 1952, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 3rd April, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1952.

TO TELL STORY OF HARWELL

London, Mar. 25. We shall be hearing much more about atomic activities soon. The Ministry of Supply has in press a 138-page booklet called "Harwell," which now awaits only one signature to the authorization documents before it is published.

The signature is Mr. Churchill's. But he in turn awaits the approval of Lord Cherwell, his scientific adviser.

"Harwell," a history of Britain's atomic research, was prepared before the Conservatives were returned to power, but never had Mr. Atlee's final approval.

The book is only part of a new story. At a London dinner, the Institute of Atomic Information was formed. It will spread information about the development of atomic power for industry, in terms that the layman can digest. It looks as though one of the most constant complaints of Britons abroad—that foreigners regard us as atomically backward—is on its way out.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godown and all goods remaining undelivered after the 31st March, 1952, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the godown, where they will be examined on 26th March, 1952, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 26th April, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

No insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1952.

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"CHUSAN"	9th April	8th May

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CANTON"	11th April	12th May
"CHUSAN"	8th May	2nd June
"CARTHAGE"	9th May	9th June

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & London.

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Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
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(These vessels have refrigerated cargo space)

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"OZARDA"	due 5th April	from Japan
	sails 6th April	for Singapore, Madras, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, & Persian Gulf
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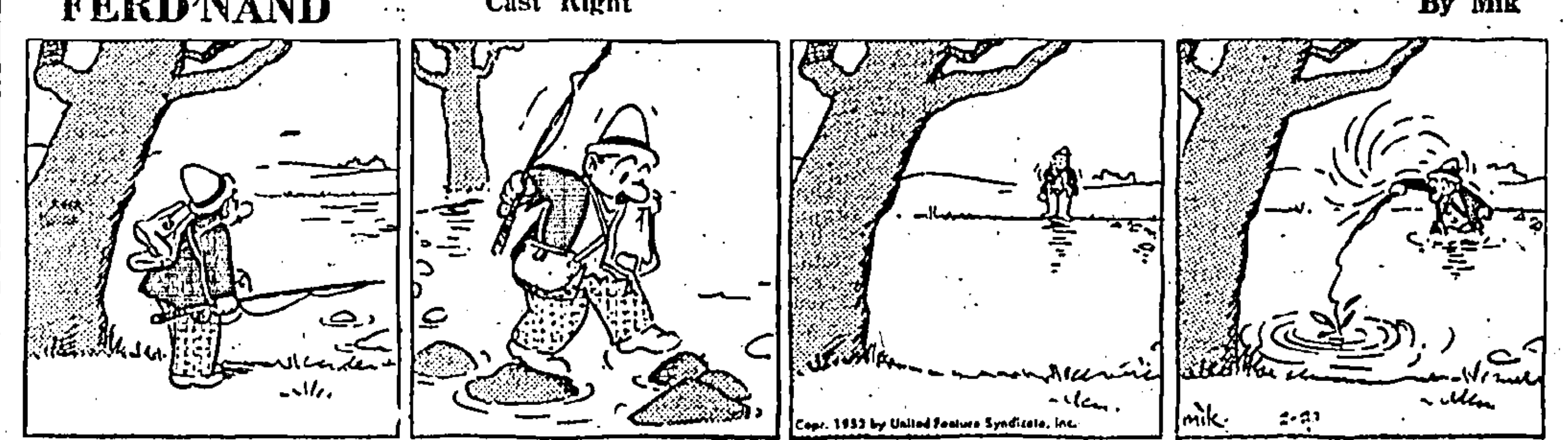
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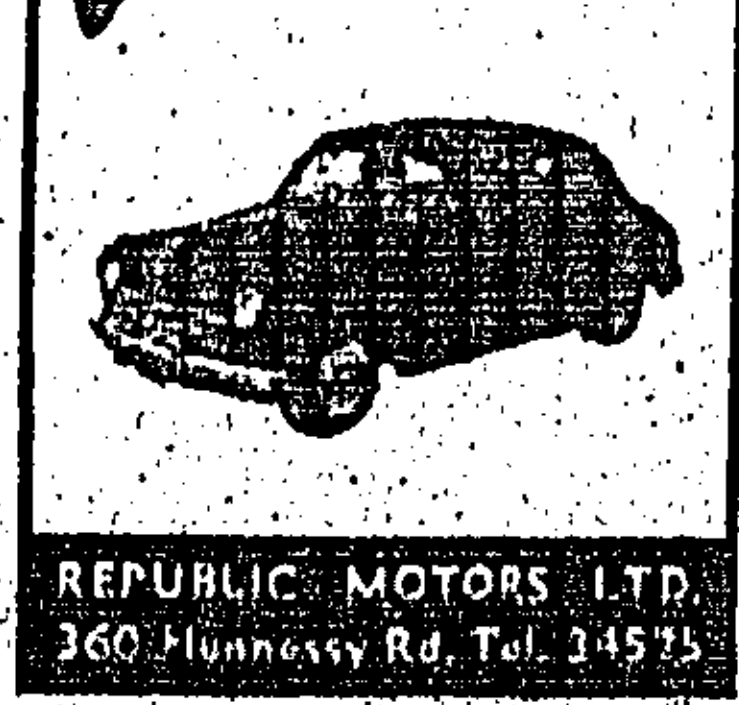
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Dr Syn Owes £2,000 In Income Tax

London, Mar. 25. Mr. Russell Thorndike, 67-year-old author and actor of Oakley-street, Chelsea, S.W., faces bankruptcy proceedings "Peter Pan," at Nottingham's shortly.

His petitioning creditors are the Inland Revenue, and the main reason for his bankruptcy is the success of his famous character, the swashbuckling Dr Syn, pirate, and smuggler, who defied the Inland Revenue men in Thorndike's stories.

Mr Thorndike—brother of Dame Sybil—is now appearing as Smee, the pathetic pirate in "Peter Pan," at Nottingham's Theatre Royal. He said: "I have absolutely no private debts and I am faced with bankruptcy because I owe £2,000 in income tax."

"I owe it because of my stupidity and ignorance of Government forms. I have been so careless in my accounts and have just pushed the forms to one side instead of studying them."

"During the war authors could not just sit back and wait for royalties to come in because of the paper shortage and because books were just not selling. So as I wrote plays, Dr Syn books, and also cheap versions of the classics for children, I sold the copyrights to the publishers and let them worry about royalties. "I believed I was selling capital and did not enter up the amounts I received on income-tax forms, but only entered up my stage earnings. And because of my ignorance of the law I am now in this bit of bother."

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"LA MARSEILLAISE" Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Yokohama & Kobe
"MAPLE HILL" Apr. 3		
Homeward For		
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"ZELIDIA" Apr. 4	Apr. 5	N. Africa & Europe
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U.S. Tyre Makers Making More Use Of Rayon Fibres

New York, Mar. 25.

The rayon and wood pulp industry, due to a combination of special circumstances, is the brightest spot in an otherwise gloomy textile picture. According to trade sources, the slackening in rayon production was more than offset by increased demand from tyre manufacturers who are using rayon fibres instead of cotton due to the high prices of the latter.

The switch from cotton to wood pulp was particularly apparent during the past two months.

Australian Uranium For U.S.

Canberra, Mar. 25.

Britain has given Australia the "go-ahead" for the sale of Australian uranium to the United States.

It is believed that Britain was offered priority on any exports of uranium from the Dominion, but decided that Australia need for dollars warranted the sale to the United States.

There have been semi-official offers from the United States that Australia should be provided with equipment and capital for the treatment of uranium ore in exchange for part of the ore produced.

The Cabinet is expected to discuss the proposals tomorrow.

The main question is whether sufficient ore would be produced at Radium Hill in Southern Australia to provide exports after the State's industrial needs are met.

The Federal Government has control of all uranium deposits, but is obligated to see that the State's requirements are met before other projects of exports are considered.

The Premier, Robert Menzies, however, is believed to have told a Government conference yesterday that production could readily reach a point where exports could be made.

Production in Radium Hill began in 1950. Investigation is still going on into deposits in Northern Territory, but the development of the area is not yet far enough advanced to influence the present negotiations. —Reuter.

Pulp Prices Discussed

London, Mar. 25. British and Scandinavian pulp and paper experts met at the Foreign Office today to discuss world pulp prices and supplies to Britain.

The Ministry of Materials announced earlier this month that it would not accept applications to import wood pulp except at prices 20 per cent below those existing at the end of last year. —Reuter.

Heavy Meat Cuts In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Mar. 25. The Argentines, formerly the world's biggest beef eaters, are today suffering severe meat cuts.

Accustomed to eating more than two lbs of beef daily, they are now lucky to get four lbs for the whole week.

Three days a week meat is unavailable. For on Sunday butchers are closed, Thursday's killings are for export only and Friday is officially decreed a meatless day.

Consequently long queues of angry housewives wait impatiently outside butchers' shops from dawn on the remaining four days.

First, though, senior Peron has already hinted at the possibility of rationing.

CURRENCY SHORTAGE. Discussing other shortages, Senior Peron has said in the past "The best way to combat the shortage is not to smoke for a month. Beat the scarcity of beer by drinking water."

Now housewives are wondering whether the same "solution" will be offered to solve the meat problem.

Background to the shortage is that Argentine coffers are bare of foreign currency and the Government is desperately anxious to remit every available ounce of meat to meat-hungry Britain to secure Sterling for the purchase of vitally needed coal, oil, tinplate, and other raw materials. —London Express Service.

To Lower Floor Prices Of Textiles

Tokyo, Mar. 25.

The Japanese Government will shortly lower floor prices of cotton textiles for export, Kyoto News Agency reported.

The Government controls cotton exports and rejects any contracts booked below what the Government calls "check" prices—actually floor prices.

Hundreds of cotton contracts were rejected in January.

Then rejection numbers quickly fell, for most applications showed the right prices.

The Government has found out the reason: Such exporters were rebating part of the invoice amounts to buyers through their agents in Japan, Kyoto said.

The present check prices were based on ruling quotations last September. —Associated Press.

Rubber Study Group Meets In May

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 25.

Malaya is sending five representatives to the Rubber Study Group conference in Ottawa in May.

Participating as advisers to the British Colonial and Dependencies delegation, they are:

Malaya—H. H. Facer, Datu E. E. C. Thirumalingam and Inche Salleh Hakim, all members of the Malayan Rubber Producers' Council.

Singapore—K. G. Salmond and rubber magnate Lee Kong Chinn, representing the trading side.

A. Heywood-Waddington, former Malayan Government official who used to represent Malaya at rubber and tin talks and is now Malaya's Economic Representative in Britain, will also attend as an adviser. —Associated Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Mar. 25.

Japanese bonds: "A" (4s. of 1950) ... 70 "B" (4s. of 1950) ... 50 "C" (5s. of 1950) ... 113 "D" (5s. of 1950) ... 113 "E" (5s. of 1950) ... 59 1/2 Consols ... 59 1/2 —United Press.

EFFECT OF TEHERAN'S OIL NATIONALISATION ON COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

Foreign Trade At A Standstill

Teheran, Mar. 25.

Despite predictions of an early collapse of Iran's economy after the withdrawal of the British and their oil royalties, nine months of nationalisation has brought almost no change in the standard of living of the average Iranian.

The man in the street has been affected little by the loss of Anglo-Iranian oil company revenues though the country's foreign trade is virtually dead.

Prices of such basic commodities as tea, sugar, bread and cotton goods either have remained stationary or have risen not more than five per cent over the last year. With the upper and middle classes, however, it is a different matter.

Prices of luxury goods have skyrocketed because of heavy taxes and reduced imports. Some 80 per cent of the population, however, has not been affected by the Government's austerity policies. The Government has made efforts to find other jobs for labour thrown out of work by curtailment of the oil industry's operations.

Illegal Operators Extending Activities

London, Mar. 25.

The Continental currency operators who have made big profits by illegal dealings in furs, diamonds and coffee, are turning their attention to other commodities.

It is said that they are now handling gold, rubber, wool, Eastern spices and metals.

They buy these materials with pounds in the Sterling Area and then resell for dollars, making big profits by bringing back to Europe through the black market, their dollar earnings.

At present they can get 7s. 10d. for each dollar in the black market against the official rate of 7s. 12d.

The big profits of the speculators are made at the expense of the Sterling Area. For dollars which should come to the Sterling Area go to them.

Sir Arthur Salter, Minister of State for Economic Affairs, has stated in the House of Commons that this black market is increasing on a serious scale. —London Express Service.

Philippines Lumber For Japan

Manila, Mar. 25.

Philippine Lumber Producers' Association circles today announced that there was need for arriving at a complete understanding on matters concerning the exportation of lumber to Japan in view of the experience of last year, when poor-quality Philippine timber was shipped to Japan.

The projected move followed reports that the Japanese Lumber Importers Association was desirous of sending a mission to the Philippines to remove all causes of misunderstanding between Philippine exporters and Japanese lumber importers.

Among the matters to be clarified, should a Japanese mission arrive here, are: 1. Method of scaling; 2. Sending of Japanese bottoms here and 3. Method of payment or opening of letters of credit. —France-Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 25.

Prices of tin were steady and quiet this morning. Turnover was 65 tons, none for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows: Spot tin, buyers ... 001 Spot tin, sellers ... 002 Business done at ... 003 Three-month tin, buyers ... 003 1/2 Three-month tin, sellers ... 003 1/2 Business done at ... 003 1/2 Settlement ... 001 1/2 —United Press.

Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, Mar. 25.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows: Number 1 rubber, per lb. ... 114 1/2-115 April ... 112-113 1/2 June ... 112 1/2-113 Number 2 rubber, per lb. ... 114 1/2-115 April ... 112-113 1/2 June ... 112 1/2-113 Number 3 rubber, per lb. ... 114 1/2-115 April ... 112-113 1/2 June ... 112 1/2-113 Number 4 rubber, per lb. ... 114 1/2-115 April ... 112-113 1/2 June ... 112 1/2-113 Black rubber, unbleached ... 114 1/2-115 Black rubber, crepe ... 114 1/2-115 No. 1 pale crepe ... 114 1/2-115 —United Press.

Germans To Visit Moscow

Bonn, Mar. 25.

Sixteen German businessmen representing the great Ruhr barons who armoured Hitler's Reich, will leave Dusseldorf shortly for their first post-war visit to Moscow.

As high officials of 18 big Ruhr steel companies they have accepted a Soviet invitation to attend the Russian-organised international economic conference in Moscow on April 2.

Under cover of that conference, say Allied intelligence officials, the German businessmen will attempt to contact the man behind the Red Foreign Trade Commissar Mikoyan, with whom the Germans did big business during the Hitler-Stalin honeymoon in 1939-41.

With British inter-zone passes freely issued by West German local authorities, the Ruhr directors will travel to West Berlin. A taxi to the Soviet sector will take them to the luxury Ritz Express, which does the Berlin-Moscow trip in 40 hours.

Intelligence officials say that the 16 firms which have accepted the Russian invitation include the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, some of whose directors are in close contact with Bonn Premier Adenauer, the Guthefuehrungsinstitut of Oberhausen, and Otto Wolf of Cologne.

TWO AIMS. Some of these 16 firms are due to start production of tanks, guns and aircraft parts as soon as the European Armies agree to Germany's joining in Western armament. Western diplomats who are watching the Ruhr big businessmen's moves, say the Germans have two main aims in going to Moscow: (1) Reinsurance with the Russians in case the Red Army should ever occupy the Ruhr in a future war. (2) A new German attempt to revive East-West trade either legally or illegally.

Germany's future export prosperity depends on trade with Eastern Europe whose markets are now barred to the Ruhr factories by American cold war action. —London Express Service.

BRITISH ORDERS IN JAPAN

London, Mar. 25.

Government contracts for 20,500,000 yards of cloth were placed with firms in Japan between February and September last year, says Mr. Duncan Sandys, Minister of Supply, in a written reply to Mr. R. Frost, Conservative M.P. from Lancashire.

The Minister of Supply said that the total value was £8,132,000 and deliveries are likely to be completed by next August. —France-Press.

Study By Experts

Taipei, Mar. 25.

Two prominent French specialists in the fertilizer industry arrived in Taipei yesterday to conduct an extensive study into Taiwan's fertilizer industry and consumption. They are to stay here a week. —France-Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 25.

Grain futures closed today narrowly irregular with the bullish and bearish market nearly balancing. Wheat futures closed 1/4 to 3/4 higher. Soybeans closed 1/4 lower to 1 1/4 higher.

WHEAT—lower per bushel. Spot ... 2 1/2-2 3/4 May ... 2 1/2-2 3/4 July ... 2 1/2-2 3/4 September ... 2 1/2-2 3/4 December ... 2 1/2-2 3/4

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—United Press.

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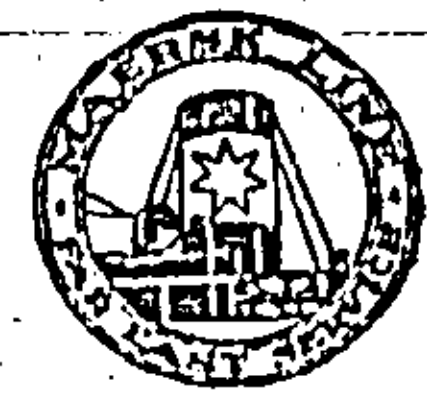
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"STRAAT MAKASSAR" May 9th	Japan, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
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"TIJAMPEK" May 21th	Japan, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJWANGI" June 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TEGELBERG" June 8th	Manilla, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
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"TIJULWAI" June 16th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TIJWANGI" July 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
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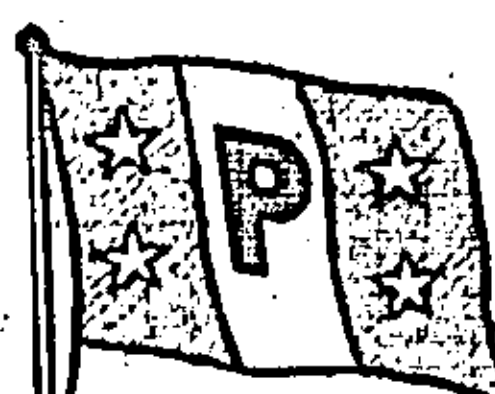
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